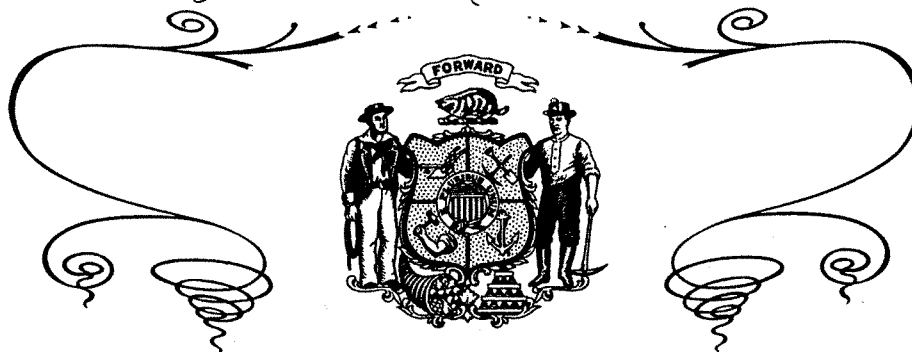


State of Wisconsin



2005 Assembly Joint Resolution 69

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: the life and public service of Dr. H. Rupert Theobald.

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Whereas, Dr. Theobald's 30-year tenure as chief of the LRB was distinguished not just by length, but by breadth of accomplishment, during which he was the legislature's resident expert on computer automation, parliamentary procedure, and redistricting, as well as the institutional memory of the legislative branch; and

Whereas, his counsel was sought by members of both parties and he was known as a wise and honorable source of information and advice; and

Whereas, his role was seen as that of the chief engineer of the machinery of state government, ensuring that the deliberative process functioned smoothly for those entrusted with its operation; and

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Whereas, upon retirement Dr. Theobald received the unusual distinction of being honored by the Wisconsin Supreme Court for his service to state government, and by the Wisconsin legislature which directed that a plaque bearing his likeness be installed in the assembly chamber, and that the Legislative Reference Bureau Library be named in his honor; and

Whereas, more than awards or honors, Dr. Theobald's public service was characterized by integrity, dedication, nonpartisanship, and an unparalleled work ethic; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature mourns the passing of Dr. H. Rupert Theobald, one of the unforgettable figures of the legislature, and salutes his legacy of hard work, performed with confidence, warmth and good humor; and

Be it further resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Dr. Theobald's widow, Jean, and his children Michael Theobald, Peter Theobald, and Marlies Ganellen.

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 69 (LRB -4121)

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- 12-06. A. Read and referred to committee on Rules 645
- 12-06. A. Rules suspended to withdraw from committee on Rules and take up 647
- 12-06. A. **Adopted** 647
- 12-06. A. Entire membership of the Assembly added as coauthors 647
- 12-06. A. Ordered immediately messaged 647
- 12-06. S. Received from Assembly.
- 12-06. S. Read and referred to committee on Senate Organization.
- 12-06. S. Available for scheduling.
- 12-06. S. Withdrawn from committee on Senate Organization and taken up.
- 12-06. S. Entire membership of the Senate added as cosponsors.
- 12-06. S. **Concurred in.**
- 12-06. S. Ordered immediately messaged.
- 12-08. A. Received from Senate concurred in.

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